

## Dr. Laurence E. Vienneau, 89



Dr. Laurence "Larry" Edward Vienneau, 89, passed away peacefully on Aug. 14 at home surrounded by family. A service of remembrance will be celebrated on Friday, Sept. 8, at 4 p.m. at Lohman Funeral Home, 733 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach, Fla. The family will receive friends beginning at 3 p.m.

Larry was born on Nov. 11, 1927, in Lynn, Mass., to the late Raymond and Alice (Froberger) Vienneau. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Mary (Steeves) Vienneau of Ormond Beach, Fla.; his seven children and spouses; Laurence Jr. (Suhtling) of Lake Mary, Fla., Michael (Barbara Condon) of Nantucket, Mass., Suzanne (Terry) of Ormond Beach, Fla., Carol of Plymouth, Mass., Mary Alyce (Phil Eberhardt) of East Quogue, N.Y., Joan Bunnell (Jimmy) of Kingston, Mass., and Joseph (Lisa) of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and spouses/fiancés, Sarah Giragosian (Elise), Kelsey Tsinzo (Gregory), Jessie Brawner (Darian), Nellie and Georgina Morley (Chris), Hayley Bunnell (Nicholas), Morgan Brawner, Lawson and Sian Vienneau and Olivia, Michael and Emily Vienneau. He leaves his sister, Barbara Doyle of Wakefield, Mass., and five nieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his brother Raymond Vienneau Jr. and his stepmother, Madeline Cotter.

Dr. Vienneau spent his childhood in Lynn, Mass., and was his class president upon graduation from St. Mary's High School in Lynn in 1945. Soon after graduation, he served his country in the Army Air Force and served in the Medical Corps. He served in the Philippines and at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. He was honorably discharged, and continued to serve in the Naval Reserve. After his military service was completed, he attended Boston College, taking accelerated curriculum to graduate a year early in 1950. He then went on to Tufts Dental School, graduating in 1954. On June 27, 1953, Dr. Vienneau married Mary Steeves, and their loving marriage lasted 64 years until his passing.

Dr. and Mrs. Vienneau moved to Marshfield in 1954 where he opened his dental practice. He was a beloved dentist to generations of families on the South Shore of Massachusetts, and though he sold his practice in 1992, he loved dentistry so much he stayed on in the practice until 2009, when he retired after a dental career lasting an incredible 55 years.

Dr. Vienneau also had a remarkable career in service to his local community. A lifelong devout Catholic, Larry was a church deacon and a member of the secular Franciscan Order. He also believed strongly in the teachings of his church, most notably of looking after the sick, infirm and underserved. This led him to open a free dental clinic at St. Coletta School in Hanover, Mass., for people with developmental disabilities. He also volunteered with Cranberry Hospice and was involved in building homes for Habitat for Humanity for many years. He taught part-time at Tufts Dental School, Boston University Dental School and was a staff member at the then Jordan Hospital, Plymouth, Mass. Dr. and Mrs. Vienneau primarily raised their seven children in Duxbury. He served on the Duxbury School Committee for nine years, serving as chairman for six years. They also lived in Monument Beach and Plymouth, Mass., before moving to Ormond Beach, Fla. in 2014.

Dr. Vienneau was a big Boston sports fan, especially of the Boston Red Sox. He was an avid golfer, and was a member of Marshfield Country Club for over 20 years. He played golf

with passion up until his 86th year. Dr. Vienneau also enjoyed woodworking and painting acrylic portraits of many of his grandchildren and he loved gardening. He cherished spending time with his extended family. Those who survive him will always remember his inherent kindness and empathy for others, his wonderful laugh, his humble nature and his unwavering moral compass. Condolences for the family may be shared at [lohmanfuneralhomes.com](http://lohmanfuneralhomes.com). The family wishes to express its gratitude to Halifax Health Hospice for their compassionate care and support. Donations in his memory may be made to the Habitat for Humanity and Halifax Health Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, which serves both counties.

A combined memorial service will be planned in Massachusetts at a later date after the passing of his beloved wife, Mary, at his request.